



The Headmaster

The Headmaster, Richard Walker, spent eight years as Head of Chemistry at St Paul's Girls' School, London, before joining the Davies Laing and Dick Group in 1988 as Principal of one of its sixth form colleges. He was the founding Headmaster of Portland Place, believing passionately in educating children (both boys and girls together) in an environment that is tolerant and mutually respectful with very clear objectives for all its members (staff and pupils). He believes that every pupil should be challenged and inspired in every lesson. Only then can a child reach their true potential and, importantly, enjoy their path through the school.

The school is non-religious and

non-denominational, although there is a weekly spiritual assembly for all pupils, the backgrounds of whom reflect London's multi-cultural society. An optional Christian group meets weekly and is led by colleagues from All Souls, Langham Place. The moral development of every pupil is central to everything we do both in and outside of the classroom.

From the beginning in 1996, we aimed to create a school for boys and girls of differing backgrounds and abilities, taught in classes set by ability. Boys are taught separately from girls only in Physical Education and even then, girls can and do join the football class and boys the rounders and dance groups.

